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DECOMPOSABLE SUBSTANCE

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, which were cited in an Office Action dated June 9, 2009 issued in connection with corresponding European Patent Application No. 05 703 889.5. A copy of the listed foreign reference and Office Action is enclosed.

The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office may, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. See 37 C.F.R. 1.104(a) and 1.106(b) concerning the PTO duty to consider and use any such information. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that these references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(c)(1), it is certified that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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